

ORDERS

Todd County Fiscal Court

January 15, 2009

6:00 p.m.

The Fiscal Court in and for Todd County met in Special Session at the Courthouse at 6:00 p.m. and the following proceedings were had. Present and presiding, Honorable Arthur W. Green, County Judge Executive. The following gentleman, Magistrates, were present:

Howard Gorrell, Bobby Rager, Brent Spurlin, Jimmy Turner and Roy Addison at 6:10 p.m.

The Court opened with the pledge of allegiance, followed by a prayer by Judge Arthur Green.

- The purpose of this Special Meeting was to go over the budget line by line with the Court giving recommendations as to where cuts should be made in order to balance the budget and to agree with suggested cuts presented by Judge and Treasurer.
- Ambulance Director, Timmy Wells, has been asked to review the Ambulance budget and make recommendations for cutting \$25,000.00 by next Court meeting.
- Dispatch Coordinator, Donna Ruby, was asked to review the Dispatch budget and make recommendations for cutting \$22,000.00 by next Court meeting.
- Judge Green recommended to cut out extra money budgeted in all lines, to cut drug testing for the County with the exception of the required testing of CDL drivers. He also suggested that all County repairs seek approval. Judge Green also pleaded with elected officials to look carefully at their budgets and to cut anywhere possible.
- Judge Green informed the Court that the State had told him that if by chance the County budget was not balanced at the end of the year that the next fiscal year's budget must reflect a balance in it for the prior year. Judge Green suggested eliminating the cap on the net profit tax stating that some companies paid less with the cap than some citizens paid for employment tax. Judge Green noted that an immediate income would not be noticeable but that it would help in years to come.
- Judge Green informed the Court that he and the Treasurer, Tammy Robertson, met with the Department of Local Government earlier in the week and they were advised that all departments can be reduced or eliminated with a note that the Jail is only responsible for County inmates and juveniles.

- Judge Green presented the Court with numbers as to how much the County could save by eliminating the County's share of employee insurance and also how much could be saved by eliminating a holiday.
- Judge Green urged the Court to give these matters serious consideration as the budget must be balanced by the end of the fiscal year and also noted that difficult decisions are ahead and that nothing can be changed without the approval of the Court as it is the Court's budget.
- Judge Green has requested another special called meeting on February 9th to discuss the budget further and noted that there will be a need for more special meetings thru the end of the fiscal year to stay on top of the budget.
- All items agreed upon will be presented to Court for approval at the next Fiscal Court Meeting on Friday January 23rd at 9:00 a.m.

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- Upon motion of Squire Turner, seconded by Squire Spurlin, it is hereby ordered to adjourn.

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- Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Todd County Judge Executive
Arthur W. Green